### **VOLUNTEER GUIDE**



### **BICYCLE ESCORT**

YOUR #1 JOB is to help the neighbors who live directly on the route.

We are closing their streets for our event. **Empathize** with how our event is affecting them.

Your job is to **do everything possible to help** them in and out of their houses if they have to drive.

Please be overly helpful and friendly!

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Other duties include:

- Facilitating flow of event
- · Helping drivers find an alternate route
  - Keeping the neighborhood clean
    - Encouraging safety
  - Encouraging respectful behavior
    - Helping lost children / parents
      - Minor First Aid
        - Having Fun!



# WHEN NEIGHBORS WANT TO DRIVE ON THE COURSE

Part 1

- 1) Approach them in a friendly, calm and open manner. Take a brief moment to explain the event, if necessary. Tell them there are lots of children on the route.
- 2) Let them know you are there to assist them. Specifically, explain that you will escort them to where they need to go.
- 3) Look for an acknowledgement that they are hearing and understanding you. If necessary, repeat in a pleasant and clear way.

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Part 2

- 4) Present them with the route map and help them find the shortest path off the route.
- 5) Bike along the side of their car, remaining close enough to communicate instructions that they can hear (or see, if you are using hand signals). Please do not touch the car.
- 6) Give a **clear and audible warning** to event participants that there is a vehicle coming through. Continue to do this as you escort the vehicle.

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#### Part 3

- 7) **Escort them through all barricades**, moving them as needed and return the barricade to its position as soon as the vehicle is through.
- 8) Remind drivers that the event will last until 4 P.M.
- 9)Smile and wave them good-bye!



## THANK YOU! SEE YOU SUNDAY!

